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Agricultural Notices.

Events for the Coming Week.
The programme for Commencement Week at the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, Orono, is as follows: Friday, July 31, Evening—Sophomore Prize Exhibition; Saturday, July 31, Recalculare Series; the Presidents, Rev. Charles F. Allen, D. D., Tuesday, August 1, Evening—Prize Exhibition; Rev. Prof. P. M. Acheson, Rev. Dr. Horatio Washburn, Jr., of Col. Gen. W. H. Hinckley, and Mr. J. F. Ruliphson, W. H. Fessenden, and the Pittman Club of Boston; Monday, August 2, Evening—Junior Prize Exhibition; Tuesday, August 3, Evening—Prize Exhibition; Rev. Prof. P. M. Acheson, Rev. Dr. Horatio Washburn, Jr., of Col. Gen. W. H. Hinckley, and Mr. J. F. Ruliphson, W. H. Fessenden, and the Pittman Club of Boston; Monday, August 4, Exercises for candidates for admission to the College, P. M., Class Day.

Fairs and Meetings to Occur.

NEW ENGLAND FAIR—In connection with the New Hampshire Fair, to be held at Concord, Oct. 1-4, the Agricultural Society, of Concord, will have a large display of agricultural products on their farm. The programme for Commencement Week at the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, Orono, is as follows: Friday, July 31, Evening—Sophomore Prize Exhibition; Saturday, July 31, Recalculare Series; the Presidents, Rev. Charles F. Allen, D. D., Tuesday, August 1, Evening—Junior Prize Exhibition; Rev. Prof. P. M. Acheson, Rev. Dr. Horatio Washburn, Jr., of Col. Gen. W. H. Hinckley, and Mr. J. F. Ruliphson, W. H. Fessenden, and the Pittman Club of Boston; Monday, August 2, Evening—Prize Exhibition; Rev. Prof. P. M. Acheson, of candidates for admission to the College, P. M., Class Day.

Reversion of Thoroughbred Domestic Animals.

Few matters are more encouraging and interesting to practical farmers striving to pursue their business in an intelligent and understanding manner, than the progress of all the improvements that have been made, and the discoveries and with which scientific men are conducting investigations, the direct objects of which are to elucidate obscure points in the various matters connected with the different branches of farming, or rather to the perfection of science applied to agriculture. There are many students who have performed good work in this direction, and whose names and services are held in high esteem by all intelligent farmers—and still the work goes on through the labors of enthusiastic and patient men, already well known in the different walks of science. In this way are the practical matters of the farm invested with a new interest; they are looked upon as of more importance, and in the future will be conducted with greater exactness and with more surety in the results.

We are led to this thought from reading the paper of Prof. Wm. H. Brewer of Yale College, contributed to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on the "reversion" of thoroughbred domestic animals. Prof. Brewer says the statement has often been made by scientific men if the various breeds of animals produced on cultivated farms of domestic animals be withdrawn, they will "revert" or return to their original type—that it becomes a sort of dogma, and as such, is used to sustain favorite theories regarding the permanence of "original types," and the fleeting nature of "acquired characters." But he does not believe that such statements are supported by facts, and says he has for years been looking for the proof of the oft-repeated assertion, that thoroughbred stock of old and well-established breeds return to the original type (whatever meaning may be conveyed by the term), under any conditions or circumstances whatever. Thus far his answers to this question have been somewhat negative; but the continued assertions by eminent authorities that such reversions will always take place under certain conditions, have led Prof. Brewer to institute more systematic measures to carefully investigate this subject, in the hope that if he can find such great law, the proof of it, in scientific order, will be easily to be found. From this view he has addressed circular to all farmers and others supposed to be interested in all the elucidation of the matter, and we bid his efforts to gather information so far as to reproduce his inquiries and extract from his circular, which will afford all the information needed concerning them. We sincerely trust many of our readers will endeavor to assist Prof. Brewer in collecting facts, and all such, we hope, will at once address him upon the good fruit in the future.

Experiments at Orono.

We just said, in another place, that our State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, at Orono, was in a real experiment station—engaged in working out for the good of our practical farmers, scientific results which shall aid to some extent guide them in their farm operations. The weather is good for making hay, and our farmers are working hard in order to secure their crop in good condition. The crop is now in, and we will think it will be good, and we will think it will be housed in good condition. The cheese factory at East Sangerville, is receiving on an average 4800 lbs. of milk per day; D. SPOONER.

East Sangerville, July 30.

Communications.

For the Maine Farmer.

Notes from Penobscot County.

Corinna.

Corinna is one of the best farming towns in Eastern Maine. I find in visiting the columns of the MAINE FARMER a sketch of this section that it is a good place to live. Here are to be found some of the most enterprising farmers in Maine, whose farms are large and well-tilled, and the people are thrifty and industrious. They are making fast progress, and hope they will thoroughly inspect the various departments of the Institution, and become somewhat acquainted from a personal examination with the aims and purposes of the college.

A Word about Marketing.

In one of these terse and quaint speeches always so full of strong common sense, and containing so many good points, made at an agricultural meeting by our friend, Mr. Andrew H. Luce of Bangor, he said (speaking of raising South Down lambs for early market, in which specialty he is known to excel):—"But I will say to anybody who will raise a good article of mutton, or anything else, the more you sell, the better market you will have." Now this is sound, safe doctrine; and so many exemplifications of its truthfulness are to be seen in our markets that we need only to call them to mind to be convinced of it. No master of the farm who has any knowledge of the market, will sell a sheep, or any other animal, but at a price which is the result of much labor and breeding, and this will always be the highest price—and this will always be found true in city or town markets, whatever the article. Quality is of course a matter of first importance, but hardly second to it is the manner or style in which it is presented with the enterprise. They pay more for a well-tilled and well-tilled farm.

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